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Our Case No. 9683/77

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiroji Saito et al.)
Serial No.: New Application) Examiner: To be assigned
Filing Date: Herewith) Group Art Unit No.: To be assigned
For: Apparatus for Transmitting Program)
Information, Communicating)
System, Method of Transmitting)
Program Information, Method of)
Instructing Program Recording)
Operation, and Method of)
Instructing Program Purchasing)
Operation)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 5, 10, 11, and 17-18 as follows:

5. (Once Amended) An apparatus for transmitting program information as defined in any one of claims 1 to 3, said apparatus further comprising:

history-information-obtaining-means for obtaining history information concerning a watching operation, a recording operation or both of these operations of the user, for the program broadcast in the past; and